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Information Regarding VALUABLE 1953

REFERENCES: OELA-1211 dated 2 March 1953; SLOND-1441 Para One
dated 28 April 1953

1. Following is information received from AIRCERT regarding
VALUABLE ops for 1953:

A. VALUABLE sea operations for 1953 have been cancelled. Broadway is selling the vessel based at Malta. The ship is in poor condition and is considered not worth the cost of repair. Also the few sea ops originally planned for 1953 do not warrant full time attention of her present crew. Broadway is negotiating for a replacement vessel but, due to the time involved in arranging cover, in outfitting and registering a vessel, and in re-shuffling the present crew, VALUABLE does not expect to resume sea ops before 1954.

B. Broadway now has two covert air crews training in Scotland. One of these crews is slated to carry out the VALUABLE leaflet raid mentioned in the second reference. This operation will be staged from either Malta or Cyprus, probably the former. The crew will be authorized to fly over the country at altitudes of less than 10,000 ft. which AIRCERT hopes will improve the accuracy of the drop. If the crew carries out this mission satisfactorily, it will then be considered ready to perform other missions.

C. The North Team has been selected and is now in training. The Center Team has also been selected and will

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soon go into training. Arrangements for the South Team have not yet been completed. Each team will have a W/T operator for communications with the base at Malta. VALUABLE plans to infiltrate the North Team by air; the Center Team and probably also the South Team overland.

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